Appendix I.

[Vide answer to Starred Question No. 20 asked by Sri P. G. Manickam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 4th September 1958, page 125 supra.]

Note.

1. *Places where mat weaving industry is carried on in the State.*—Mat weaving is carried on at a number of places in almost all the districts of the State. The chief centres are, however, given below :—

1 Chingleput district—

Velathur
Tirukalikundram
Sadraspatnam
Yedakanad

2 South Arcot district—

Idayar Paracheri
Olakku
Melpadi
Veerapandi
Krishnan Kuppam

3 North Arcot district—

Wandiwash
Ramanaikanpet
Avoor
Mel-Arni
Tennangur
Ozhappakkam
Agaram
Dondukunnathur
Vadanganur
Veerampakkam
Pudur
Vinayakapuram
Tiruvettipuram

4 Salem district—

Uthamasholapuram
Papparapatti
Salem Town
Tadangam
Vannur
Bussettipatti
Palakodu
Attur
Muddanahally
Noganur
Maradanahally
Tavarakarai

5 Coimbatore district—

Kalingiam
Sarayampalayam
Palladam

6 Tiruchirapalli district—

Pettaivaithalai
Palakkarai
Tiruchirappalli town
Pugalur
Nanniyur
Wangal
Karur
Unniyur
Varadarajapuram
Mayanur
Lalapet
Kalalai
Talakudi
Worayur
Vothalai
Theethan Viduthi
V. Kalathur

7 Tanjore district—

Senthangudi
Vilandra Samudram
Arasur
Thulasendrapuram
Puthur
Madhanam
Pudupattinam
Vilangudi
Kannathangudi
Chakkarapalli
Pakkintaikal
Anaikaran Chathram
Kaniakurichi
Vaidyanathanpettai
Thandankudam
Malliam
Ammapet
Malanatham
Valangiman

8 Ramanathapuram district—

Seithur
Srivilliputhur
Sattur
Rajapalayam
Sivakasi
Watrap

9 Tirunelveli district—

Pettai
Veeravanallur
Kayattar
Alwarkurichi
Ayyanaruthu
Kalakkad
Viswanathaperai
Palayamkottai
Pattamadai
Giriammalpuram
Mudaliarpattai
Veerasamudram
Ravanasamudram
Harikesavanallur
Pallagal

2. *Steps taken by the Government for the development of mat weaving industry in the State.*—The Department of Industries and Commerce has established a few training centres and a number of Industrial Co-operative Societies for the development of mat weaving industry in the districts. The details of these training centres are furnished below :—

Training-cum-*Production Centre for mat weaving in Sultanpet, Palladam taluk (Coimbatore district) for the benefit of Madaries.*—The centre has been located at Sultanpet village of Palladam taluk in Coimbatore district at an estimated cost of Rs. 17,579 recurring and Rs. 11,750 non-recurring. Twenty-five persons selected from " Madaries " are imparted training in mat weaving using korai. The training is for a period of 6 months and each trainee is paid a stipend of Rs. 25 per mensem. The centre will be continued as a Departmental Unit for a period of three years and the trained Madaries will be organized into a co-operative society. The centre started functioning during the month of March 1958.

Training-cum-*Production Centres for mat weaving in Uthamapuram, Anaipatti, Chinnamanoor and Uthamapalayam in Madurai district for the benefit of ex-criminal tribes.*—With a view to provide employment for the ex-criminal tribes in Madurai district, four centres are proposed to be established in the above

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places for imparting training in korai mat weaving. The total cost of the scheme is Rs. 29,315. It is proposed to train 20 trainees from ex-criminal tribes on a stipend of Rs. 20 per mensem each for two months in the centres at Uthamapuram, Anaipatti and Chinnamanoor and to train 15 trainees for a period of one year on a stipend of Rs. 20 per mensem each in the centre at Uthamapalayam. Preliminary arrangements for starting the centres are being taken and the centres will be started as early as possible.

Training-cum-*Service Centres for development of palm leaf products industry at Mathur (Salem district) and Pallapatti (Tiruchirappalli district).*—In the above 2 centres, 37 candidates are being trained in the manufacture of palmyrah leaf mats. The trainees are paid a stipend of Rs. 25 per mensem each. The centres will be run departmentally for one year and then converted into Industrial Co-operatives.

Apart from the above training centres, the Department of Industries and Commerce has also started a number of co-operative societies in various districts to develop the mat weaving industry. The State Government and the Government of India have sanctioned financial assistance by way of grants and loans for organizing and developing these societies. The grants sanctioned by the State Government mostly relate to the Reserve Fund subsidies given to the societies under the State Aid to Industries Act with a view to increase the borrowing power of the societies. Grants are sanctioned to these societies for the following purposes also in connection with the development of Mat Weaving Industry :—

(1) For working capital.

(2) Purchase and supply to looms to the members free of cost.

(3) Purchase of site for drying grass.

(4) Participation in exhibitions.

(5) Purchase of tools and furniture.

(6) Construction of workshed.

(7) Cost of staff, etc.

Some societies are also granted concession for removal of korai grass free of cost from the Government poramboke lands.

Share capital loans under the State Aid to Industries Act are being given to the poor members of the mat weavers co-operative societies so as to enable them to contribute to the share capital of the societies.

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A list of co-operative societies to which financial assistance has been given is furnished below :—

Serial number and name of society.	*District.*
(1)	(2)
1 Kalingiam Mat Weavers' Co-operative Society	Coimbatore.
2 Serayanpalayam Weavers' Co-operative Society	Do.
3 Authoor Weavers' Co-operative Society	Madurai
4 Uthamasholapuram Weavers' Co-operative Society	Salem.
5 Veeranallur Weavers' Co-operative Society	Tirunelveli.
6 Pattamadai Fine Mat Weavers' Co-operative Society	Do.
7 Giriammalpuram Weavers' Co-operative Society	Do.
8 Ammapet Weavers' Co-operative Society	Tanjore.
9 Vilandrasamudram Weavers' Co-operative Society	Do.
10 Vilangudi Weavers' Co-operative Society	Do.
11 Kannathangudi Weavers' Co-operative Society	Do.
12 Ramanaickenpet Weavers' Co-operative Society	North Arcot.
13 Avoor Weavers' Co-operative Society	Do.
14 Mellanni Woman Weavers' Co-operative Society	Do.
15 Edayanbalcheri Weavers' Co-operative Society	South Arcot.
16 Veerapandi Weavers' Co-operative Society	Do.
17 Krishnankuppam Weavers' Co-operative Society	Do.
18 Thirukalukundram Weavers' Co-operative Society	Chingleput.
19 Islampetpudupatnam Weavers' Co-operative Society	Do.
20 Pettaivaithalai Weavers' Co-operative Society	Tiruchirappalli.
21 Unniyur Weavers' Co-operative Society	Do.
22 Theethanviduthi Weavers' Co-operative Society	Do.
23 V Kalathur Weavers' Co operative Society	Do.